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NEWSPAPERS

1. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN): "KISSINGER IS WARNED OF URGENCY
IN AFRICA; ZAMBIAN LEADER TELLS HIM HE HAS DAYS, NOT WEEKS,
TO SUCCEED."

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TODAY THAT UNLESS HE SUCCEEDED SOON IN BRINGING ABOUT BLACK
RULE IN RHODESIA AND S-W AFRICA, BLACK AFRICANS 'WILL FIGHT
TO THE LAST MAN IF NECESSARY.'

"IN A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL EXCHANGE WITH KISSINGER, THE ZAMBIAN
PRES SAID, 'YOU ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS, NOT WEEKS, TO SUCCEED.'

"DABBING HIS EYES WITH A HANDKERCHIEF, KAUNDA SAID: 'IF YOU
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FAIL WE SHALL REACH A POINT OF NO RETURN.'

"GOD HELP YOUR MISSION,' HE SAID.

"IN SPEAKING OF 'DAYS', KAUNDA WAS REFERRING TO KISSINGER'S VISIT TOMORROW TO PRETORIA ...

"BUT REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER ABOARD HIS ... JET FROM DAR TO LUSAKA THIS MORNING WERE TOLD AGAIN THAT KISSINGER VIEWED AS REMOTE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SMITH AT THIS STAGE WOULD AGREE TO THE TERMS SET BY KISSINGER FOR A MEETING.

"KISSINGER INFORMED NYERERE YESTERDAY AND KAUNDA TODAY OF THE CONDITIONS FOR A SMITH MEETING. BOTH BLACK LEADERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE VALUE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND VORSTER AND SMITH IF THEY PROMOTE PROGRESS TOWARD BLACK RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BUT THEY OBJECT TO SUCH MEETINGS IF THEY ONLY ENHANCE THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS OF THE WHITE LEADERS WHOSE REGIMES ARE DETESTED IN BLACK AFRICA.

"NYERERE, WHO SEES HIMSELF AS A LEADER OF THE MILITANT WING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, SAID LAST NIGHT THAT HE WAS NOT ENCOURAGED SO FAR BY KISSINGER'S MEDIATION EFFORTS. BUT KAUNDA, SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE THAN NYERERE, SEEMED ALMOST DESPERATE FOR SUCCESS SO THAT ALL OUT CONFLICT IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD CAN BE AVOIDED.

"SITTING ACROSS FROM KISSINGER IN HIS STATE HOUSE, ... KAUNDA SAID REPEATEDLY THAT UNLESS KISSINGER'S MISSION PROVED SUCCESSFUL 'WE WILL FIGHT.'

"TWICE HE QUOTED VORSTER HAS HAVING SAID SUCH A WAR WOULD BE 'TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE.'

KISSINGER SEEMED MOVED BY KAUNDA'S EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION IN FRONT OF CAMERAS AND REPORTERS AND SAID THE UNITED STATES SHARED THE VIEW THAT 'TIME IS RUNNING OUT.'

""YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I AM CONSCIOUS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY'
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HE SAID. 'I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE CAN SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS HAVE ATTEMPTED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.'

"HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING 'A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US, FOR YOUR PEOPLE AND OUR PEOPLE, THAT I CAN BRING YOU ENCOURAGING NEWS.'

KISSINGER WILL RETURN TO LUSAKA AND DAR ON MONDAY TO REPORT TO KAUNDA AND NYERERE ON HIS TALKS WITH VORSTER AS WELL AS ANY THAT MIGHT BE HELD WITH SMITH.

"ALTHOUGH NYERERE TOOK A HARD LINE YESTERDAY AGAINST ANY CONCESSIONS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, THE

KISSINGER PARTY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE BLACK AFRICANS WOULD PERFER A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION AND WILL MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS TO THAT END. BUT UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS SEEM CERTAIN OF SUCCESS, KISSINGER EXPECTS THE BLACK AFRICANS TO INSIST ON NO COMPROMISES.

"AN ISSUE WHERE THIS IS ACUTE IS THE EFFORTS TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE ON S-W AFRICA, ALSO KNOWN AS NAMIBIA. THE BLACK AFRICANS WANT ONLY THE NATIONALIST GROUP THEY RECOGNIZE - SWAPO - TO NEGOTIATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA FOR INDEPENDENCE WHILE KISSINGER BELIEVES ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

"LIKEWISE THE BLACK AFRICANS SEEM RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH SMITH UNTIL HE AGREES AHEAD OF TIME TO THE PRINCIPAL OF A BLACK TAKEOVER.

"KISSINGER HOPES TO RECEIVE FROM VORSTER A FIRM AGREEMENT ON A CONFERENCE ON S-W AFRICA, A WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH THE SWAPO AND A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

KISSINGER ALSO EXPECTS VORSTER TO REPORT WHETHER HE BELIEVES SMITH IS READY TO YIELD TO THE PRESSURE FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE."

2. WASHPOST (MARDER): "KAUNDA TELLS KISSINGER HIS TIME IS SHORT"
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"LUSAKA -- ZAMBIAN PRES KAUNDA EMOTIONALLY TOLD SEC OF STATE KISSINGER TODAY THAT HE HAS 'ONLY A FEW DAYS, NOT WEEKS' TO PRODUCE A DIPLOMATIC FORMULA FOR RESOLVING SOUTHERN AFRICA'S SPIRALING RACIAL CONFLICT.

"'IF YOU FAIL WE SHALL HAVE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN,' KAUNDA SAID, ADDING, 'THE TRAGEDY WILL BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE' IN THE TOLL OF LIVES AND DESTRUCTION IN BLACK-WHITE WARFARE ACROSS RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. 'MAY GOD HELP YOU ON YOUR MISSION,' HE TOLD KISSINGER, WHO LEAVES BLACK AFRICA FRIDAY FOR WHITE-RULED SOUTH AFRICA.

"HIS TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PM VORSTER IN PRETORIA THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE CRITICAL TEST FOR THE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF KISSINGER'S PLUNGE INTO AFRICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.

"IN SOUTH AFRICA KISSINGER MAY ALSO MEET WITH RHODESIAN PM SMITH, THE PRIORITY TARGET OF BLACK AFRICAN GUERRILLA WARFARE, WHO WILL BE IN SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEKEND.

"AMERICAN SOURCES INSIST THAT KISSINGER HAS 'NO PLANS'

TO MEET WITH SMITH. BUT THEY NOW ACKNOWLEDGE THAT KISS-
INGER HAS KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF THE SMITH VISIT TO
SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS SOUNDED OUT KAUNDA AND NYERERE ABOUT
A POSSIBLE KISSINGER-SMITH MEETING.

"WHETHER KISSINGER MEETS SMITH, IT IS SAID, DEPENDS ON
WHAT HAPPENS IN THE KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS.

"KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY, INTENDED TO PREVENT
THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA FROM EMERGING AS THE ONLY
CHAMPIONS OF MILITANT BLACK NATIONALISM IN AFRICA, IS BEING
SUDDENLY COMPRESSED INTO A WEEKEND SHOWDOWN WITH VORSTER IN
THE PIVOTAL POSITION.

"... KISSINGER HAS MAINTAINED THAT THERE IS NOTHING FOR HI
TO TALK TO SMITH ABOUT UNTIL RHODESIA'S WHITES ACCEPT THAT
PREMISE. THE US IS COMMITTED TO A BRITISH PROPOSAL THAT
MAJORITY RULE MUST COME WITHIN TWO YEARS FOR RHODESIA.
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NEWSMEN ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER HAD BEEN TOLD THERE IS NO
POINT TO A KISSINGER-SMITH MEETING UNLESS SUCH A MEETING
CULMINATES A PROCESS THAT IS 99 PERCENT COMPLETE. TONIGHT
HOWEVER, WORD WAS PASSED TO NEWSMEN THAT AMERICAN STRATEGY
REMAINS UNCHANGED BUT CANNOT LITERALLY BE HELD TO MATHE-
MATICAL PERCENTAGES.

"KISSINGER LAST NIGHT WAS STUNG IN DAR BY NYERERE'S
PUBLIC DECLARATION THAT HE FOUND NOTHING ENCOURAGING
FROM KISSINGER'S REPORT ON HIS LAST MEETINGS WITH SOUTH
AFRICAN'S VORSTER IN ZURICH WHICH ENDED 10 DAYS AGO.
IN FACT, NYERERE TOLD THE WORLD, HE WAS EVEN LESS
ENCOURAGED THAN HE WAS BEFORE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR
NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

"HIS NEGATIVE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS, PLUS THE SUSPICIONS
PUBLICLY AIRED BY NYERERE ABOUT AMERICAN MOTIVES IN THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN RACIAL STRUGGLE STUNNED THE KISSINGER
CAMP.

"THERE IS UNCERTAINTY AMONG THE AMERICAN STRATEGISTS
WHETHER NYERERE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE KISSINGER STRATEGY
IS STALEMATED, OR WHETHER NYERERE WAS ESSENTIALLY TRYING
TO POSITION HIMSELF SO THAT HE COULD NOT BE ACCUSED BY
RADICAL BLACKS OF GIVING SOMETHING AWAY TO KISSINGER.
KISSINGER IS PORTRAYED AS LEANING TOWARD THE LATTER ASSESS
MENT.

"IT IS SAID THAT IF NYERERE HAD EXPRESSED THE SAME BLUNT

VIEWS TO THE US IN PRIVATE THAT HE AIRED IN PUBLIC LAST
NIGHT, KISSINGER WOULD HAVE BEEN SO IRRITATED HE WOULD NOT

HAVE ATTEMPTED HIS CURRENT SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.

"IN HIS TALKS TODAY WITH KAUNDA, KISSINGER WAS ANXIOUS TO TURN AROUND AS MUCH AS HE COULD THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF PESSIMISM ABOUT HIS DIPLOMACY WHICH WAS EXPRESSED BY NYERERE AS REPRESENTING THE BLACK AFRICAN VIEWPOINT.

"KAUNDA IS THE MOST WESTERN-INCLINED OF THE BLACK PRESIDENTS, AND THE LEADING ADVOCATE OF NON-VIOLENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLUTIONS TO AFRICA'S RACIAL TURMOIL. HE IS ALSO AN EXTREMELY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF NYERERE.

"AFTER TWO HOURS OF PRIVATE TALKS IN LUSAKA, KAUNDA AND KISSINGER AND THEIR CHIEF ADVISORS FACED EACH OTHER OVER A LONG CONFERENCE TABLE WITH NEWSMEN PRESENT AT THE OUT-SET.

" ... TODAY KAUNDA'S EMOTIONS WERE AROUSED BY FEAR THAT

THIS VISION (OF LUSAKA SPEECH) MIGHT TURN TO ASHES.

"... REFERRING TO VORSTER AND SMITH, KAUNDA SAID, 'YOU ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE IN THIS WORLD. THEY LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD.'

" ...KAUNDA SAID 'WE HAVE NO ROMANTIC VIEW ABOUT ARMED STRUGGLE' ...

"KAUNDA SAID AT ONE POINT, 'I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WEST AT ALL'. THOSE 'WHO HAVE INVESTED IN NAMIBIA ' AND OTHER MINORITY WHITE-RULED NATIONS STAND TO LOSE THEIR INVESTMENT THROUGH WAR.

""YOU HAPPEN TO BE WHITE,' HE TOLD KISSINGER AND PERHAPS 'WE FAILED BECAUSE WE CARRIED THE WRONG COLOR; BUT 'YOU HAVE THE RIGHT PASSPORT' AND PERHAPS THEY WILL LISTEN AND ACT. BUT HE CAUTIONED, 'YOU ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS, NOT WEEKS TO SUCCEED.' KISSINGER REPLIED THAT KAUNDA CORRECTLY DESCRIBED 'WHAT THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES ARE. THEY ARE THE DIGNITY OF MAN OF WHATEVER COLOR AND WHATEVER RACE.'"

3. BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN (WALLACH): "KISSINGER IS WARNED OF AFRICA BLOODBATH BY ZAMBIA LEADER"

"LUSAKA - SEC OF STATE KISSINGER WAS WARNED BY KAUNDA YESTERDAY HE HAD ONLY 'DAYS' TO AVERT A BLOODBATH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"BLACK AFRICA WILL FIGHT 'TO THE LAST MAN,' KAUNDA, AT TIMES CLOSE TO TEARS, TOLD KISSINGER. THE AMERICAN TOLD

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KAUNDA, 'I PRAY FOR ALL OF US.'

"THE AFRICAN LEADER SAID IF KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY FAILS TO ARRANGE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM WHITE TO BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA AND S-W AFRICA, BLACK AFRICA WILL FIGHT.

"'TIME IS NOT WITH YOU,' KAUNDA SAID. 'YOU HAVE DAYS TO ACT, NOT WEEKS. IF YOU FAIL, WE WILL FIGHT. WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.'

"MOMENTS LATER, A CHOKED UP KISSINGER RESPONDED SOLEMNLY: 'I PRAY FOR ALL OF US, FOR YOUR PEOPLE AND OUR PEOPLE THAT I CAN BRING YOU ENCOURAGING NEWS.'

"KISSINGER TRAVELS TO PRETORIA THIS WEEKEND ... IN WHAT COULD BE THE CRUCIAL TURNING POINT OF THIS TWO-WEEK AFRICAN SHUTTLE.

"KISSINGER PLANS TO RETURN TO LUSAKA ON MONDAY TO BRIEF KAUNDA ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL FLY TO DAR THE SAME DAY FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH NYERERE.

"THE TENSE SCENE AT STATE HOUSE ... WAS THE EMOTIONAL CLIMAX OF KISSINGER'S SIX-MONTH EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE WHITE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT BLACK MAJORITY RULE BEFORE A NEW RACE WAR ENGULFS THE SOUTHERN PART OF THIS CONTINENT.

"AND IN THE PROCESS, KISSINGER RECEIVED A HEAVY DOSE OF AFRICAN NATIONALISM.

"'WE CAN ONLY USE MR. VORSTER'S OWN WORDS,' KAUNDA SAID. 'YOUR ALTERNATIVES WILL BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE.' PULLING OUT HIS LARGE WHITE HANDKERCHIEF TO DAB AWAY TEARS, HE LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVE.

"'IF YOUR MISSION FAILS WE WILL FIGHT, ' KAUNDA WARNED. 'WE DON'T MAKE ARMS HERE,' HE SAID. 'NO AFRICAN COUNTRY NAKES ARMS. SO WE'LL HAVE TO GET THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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"'WE'LL GET THEM FROM WHOEVER IS READY TO GIVE THEM TO US.'

"REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER WERE TOLD EARLIER THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD THE CAPACITY TO ARM ANY ONE OF THE AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS. HUNDREDS OF SOPHISTICATED

SOVIET ARMS ALREADY BEING USED BY AFRICAN GUERRILLAS FIGHTING FROM BASES IN ANGOLA, INSIST SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN NEIGHBORING NAMIBIA.

"'WE HAVE NO ROMANTIC VIEWS ABOUT AN ARMS STRUGGLE,' KAUNDA WARNED

"'WE ACCEPT YOUR SINCERITY,' KAUNDA TOLD KISSINGER, 'BUT I'M AFRAID THAT YOUR MISSION WILL NEED MORE THAN SINCERITY.' HE PAINTED AN UGLY PICTURE OF THE BLOOD4ETTING ON BOTH SIDES.

"'THE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THAT WILL FOLLOW IS INEVITABLE,' KAUNDA SAID. ...

"BUT KAUNDA CONCLUDED ON A MORE HOPEFUL NOTE. 'WE WANT PEACE WITH HONOR. ...

"'WE REALIZE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IS ONLY TOO TRUE,' KISSINGER RESPONDED.

"'YOU HAVE DESCRIBED WHAT THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES ARE: THE DIGNITY OF MAN OF WHATEVER COLOR AND WHATEVER RACE.'

"'THE PEACE MUST BE A PEACE OF RICH AND POOR ALIKE,' KISSINGER SAID.

4. CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MACLEAN): "AFRICAN LEADER'S PLEA; HENRY TOLD: IF YOU FAIL, WE WILL FIGHT"

"LUSAKA -- KAUNDA STRODE INTO THE MEETING ROOM OF THE STATE HOUSE HERE THURSDAY, SAT DOWN FACING SEC OF STATE KISSINGER, AND MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR THE SUCCESS OF KISSINGER'S AFRICAN PEACE SHUTTLE THAT HAD BOTH MEN NEAR TEARS.
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"'WE SHALL WORK VERY, VERY HARD AND SUCCEED BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, THE ALTERNATIVE IS TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE,' KAUNDA SAID. 'IF YOU FAIL, WE SHALL FIGHT -- TO THE LAST MAN IF NECESSARY.'

"'YOU HAVE DAYS, NOT WEEKS. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE'LL BE ABLE TO KNOW IF YOUR MISSION HAS SUCCEDED OR NOT.'

KAUNDA SPOKE AFTER MEETING PRIVATELY WITH KISSINGER FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS, AN HOUR MORE THAN SCHEDULED.

"WITH THE TWO MEN AND THEIR STAFFS FACING EACH OTHER AT A LONG TABLE, KAUNDA LOOKED KISSINGER STRAIGHT IN THE EYE AND LAUNCHED INTO HIS LENGTHY MONOLOGUE. HE WAS INTERRUPTED ONLY WHEN HE STOPPED TO FIGHT BACK EMOTION.

"WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT FOR US THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WITH JUSTICE.'

"... 'THE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THAT WOULD FOLLOW IS IMMEASURABLE. YOUR MISSION HAS GOT TO SUCCEED.'

"BUT KAUNDA APPEARED PESSIMISTIC THAT KISSINGER COULD BRING OFF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS IN RHODESIA AND S-W AFRICA.

"WE ACCEPT YOUR SINCERITY,' HE SAID. 'BUT I'M AFRAID YOUR MISSION WILL NEED MORE THAN SINCERITY.'

"YOU ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUT OF THIS WORLD.'

"... 'I DON'T THINK THE UNITED STATES ACTING ALONE CAN SUCCEED. THE TIME IS NOT WITH YOU. IF YOU FAIL, MAY GOD HELP YOU.'

"KISSINGER, APPARENTLY MOVED, SAID HE KNEW TIME WAS RUNNING OUT BUT INTENDED TO PRESS HIS EFFORT.

"MR. PRESIDENT, I APPRECIATE THE VERY MOVING WORDS YOU HAVE JUST SPOKEN BECAUSE TOO OFTEN, EVENTS ARE CAST IN A COLD POLITICAL STRUCTURE,' KISSINGER SAID.

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"KAUNDA'S SENTIMENTS WERE IN CONTRAST TO DISCOURAGING VIEWS EXPRESSED WEDNESDAY BY NYERERE. ...

"DESPITE KAUNDA'S WARMTH FOR KISSINGER, THE ZAMBIAN LEADER ECHOED NYERERE IN DESCRIBING PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS NEARLY INSOLUBLE WITHOUT WAR OR CAPITULATION BY THE WHITE GOVERNMENTS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

"KISSINGER GOES TO SOUTH AFRICA FRIDAY AMID RUMORS HE MAY SEE RHODESIAN PREMIER SMITH, WHO REPORTEDLY WILL BE IN PRETORIA OVER THE WEEKEND.

"REPORTERS ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE WERE TOLD SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY IF KISSINGER IS CNVINCED NO OTHER MEANS CAN BRING A SETTLEMENT MORE THAN 90 PER CENT COMPLETE."

5. LA TIMES (JOHNSTON): "KISSINGER GETS WARM WELCOMB, BUT ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT ISSUES SOMBER WARNING" - SECSTATE ARRIVED THURSDAY TO A WARM WELCOME HERE, THE SCENE LAST APRIL OF HIS MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

PRESIDENT KAUNDA, BEFORE HIS TALKS WITH KISSINGER, PAID AN EMOTIONAL TRIBUTE TO U.S. POLICY. BUT KAUNDA'S TRIBUTE WAS

PUNCTUATED WITH SOMBER WARNINGS.

SO FIVE MONTHS AFTER HE STATED SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY, KISSINGER FOUND ITS FUTURE IN DOUBT. AND HIS METHODS OF PURSUING IT REMAIN SHROUDED AND CONFUSING.

ON SURFACE, KAUNDA'S DECLARATION OF SUPPORT CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH WORDS OF TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE WEDNESDAY.

MEANWHILE, REPORTS FROM UMTALIA, RHODESIA, THAT DIEHARD WHITE MINORITY PM SMITH PLANS A RETURN TRIP TO PRETORIA THIS WEEK END RENEWED SPECULATION THAT A KISSINGER-SMITH MTG IS IN WORKS, DESPITE OFFICIAL U.S. DISCLAIMERS.

QUESTION OF WHETHER THE KISSINGER MISSION IS MTG PROGRESS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEEPEMED FURTHER BY KISSINGER'S OWN HABIT OF WORKING PRIMARILY IN SECRET AND AT SAME TIME SURFACING OCCASIONAL, CAREFULLY CONTRIVED PUBLIC SIGNALS, SOME MISLEADING, SOME OPTIMISTIC, SOME DELIBERATELY DOWNBEAT.

CONFUSION OVER MTG SMITH IS A CASE IN POINT. IN ZURICH EARLIER THIS MONTH, KISSINGER DECLARED PUBLICLY AFTER HIS INTERIM MTG WITH VORSTER THERE THAT A MTG AT THIS STAGE WITH SMITH WOULD BE VIRTUALLY OUT OF QUESTION.

IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEKEND, KISSINGER TOOK A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT MTG WITH SMITH WAS STILL TO BE DECIDED UPON--THEREBY APPEARING TO OPEN A DOOR THAT PREVIOUSLY HAD SEEMED CLOSED.

ON FIRST LEG OF CURRENT TRIP, DOOR APPEARED TO CLOSE AGAIN. REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY WERE TOLD THAT KISSINGER INSISTED UPON SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS AS A PRECONDITION FOR A MTG.

IN DAR ES SALAAM, NYERERE TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY THAT QUESTION OF A SMITH-KISSINGER MTG HAD COME UP DURING HIS OWN DAYLONG TALKS WITH KISSINGER.

WITHOUT ELABORATING ON CONDITIONS, KISSINGER MAY HAVE LAID DOWN FOR SUCH A MTG, NYERERE DENOUNCED ITS PROSPECT. HE SAID IT WOULD MERELY MAKE SMITH APPEAR RESPECTABLE IN SAME WAY VORSTER APPEARED TO HAVE GAINED SOME PRESTIGE BY HIS CONTACTS WITH KISSINGER IN RECENT MONTHS.
RADIO/TV

1. CBS RADIO -- BERNARD KALB FROM LUSAKA

SEC KISSINGER MET THIS MORNING WITH ONE OF THE BLACK LIBERATION LEADERS OF RHODESIA, JOSHUA NKOMO. IT WAS THE LATEST DEMONSTRATION OF US SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITY

RULE TO ASSUME POWER IN THAT COUNTRY NOW RULED BY A MINORITY WHITE GOVT, HEADED BY PM IAN SMITH. THE KISSINGER AND NKOMO MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE RESIDENCE OF PRES KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA. AMERICAN SOURCES IN MAKING THIS DISCLOSURE SAID NKOMO WAS A HOUSE GUEST OF KAUNDA'S AND KAUNDA SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO MEN CONFER. THE MEETING UNCLASSIFIED

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LASTED 15 MINUTES, NKOMO PROVIDING HIS VIEWS OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA. NKOMO IS THE LEADER OF ONE FACTION IN A HIGHLY-SPLINTERED POLITICAL AND MILITARY NATIONALIST MOVEMENT OF RHODESIA. THE SESSION TOOK PLACE WHILE KAUNDA HIMSELF HELD A BRIEF, INFORMAL NEWS CONFERENCE WITH REPORTERS. THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT SAYING THAT WHAT HE WOULD LIKE HAK TO BRING BACK FROM HIS TALKS IN PRETORIA THIS WEEKEND IS A FIRM DECLARATION BY PM IAN SMITH THAT HE FAVORS MAJORITY RULE; A VERY SLIPPERY CHARACTER IS THE WAY KAUNDA DESCRIBED THE PM.

2. ABC-TV ("GOOD MORNING, AMERICA)-- BARRIE DUNSMORE

HAK HAS MET THIS MORNING IN LUSAKA WITH JOSHUA NKOMO, ONE OF THE MAJOR BLACK RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS. NKOMO IS THE LEADER OF ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR FACTIONS IN RHODESIA, AND INTERESTINGLY IS THE ONE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO RHODESIAN WHITES, WHILE HAVING SOVIET BACKING. MEANWHILE, SPECULATION CONTINUES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND RHODESIAN WHITE LEADER IAN SMITH, THIS WEEKEND IN PRETORIA. IT IS STILL THE HAK POSITION THAT SUCH A MEETING HAS NOT BEEN PLANNED AND THAT HAK WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH SMITH. HOWEVER, KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES ARE NOW SAYING THAT THE CHANCES OF SUCH MEETING MAY BE 50-50.

3. NBC RADIO (WRC, WASHINGTON) -- RICHARD VALERIANI

ANCHORMAN: SECSTATE KISSINGER'S LATEST DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE MISSION HAS TAKEN HIM TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE HE'LL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN PRETORIA. CORRESPONDENT RICHARD VALERIANI, TRAVELLING WITH

THE SECRETARY, SAYS HAK IS OF THE OPINION THE RECENT VIOLENCE INVOLVING BLACKS AND MIXED-RACE SOUTH AFRICANS HAS NOT MADE THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ANY EASIER.

VALERIANI: FOR ONE THING, THEY INFLAME PASSIONS ON BOTH SIDES; FOR ANOTHER THING, THEY APPEAR TO MAKE SOUTH AFRICA MORE VULNERABLE THAN THAT COUNTRY APPEARED TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR MONTHS AGO, FIVE MONTHS AGO, WHEN HAK BEGAN THIS NEGOTIATING EFFORT. ON THE ONE HAND, IT MIGHT SERVE TO OVER-ENCOURAGE THE BLACKS WHO THINK THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE EAGER TO MAKE CONCESSIONS BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE AT HOME; ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN THE KIND OF SIEGE MENTALITY THAT EXISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, IT MIGHT MAKE THE SOUTH AFRICANS DIG IN AND REFUSE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE UNDER PRESSURE. SO, WHATEVER ANALYSIS IS PUT ON IT, IT IS NOT GOING TO HELP THE NEGOTIATING EFFORT.

WIRES

1. AP (NO BYLINE, FROM LUSAKA)

SECSTATE HAK, ON A DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE FOR RACIAL PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, MET WITH BLACK RHODESIAN LEADER NKOMO TODAY BEFORE FLYING ON TO PRETORIA FOR TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

SUBSTANCE OF TALKS BETWEEN US SEC AND HEAD OF RHODESIAN WING OF MILITANT ANC WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN. BUT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BEGINNING OF A HAK MEDIATION BETWEEN THE BLACK NATIONALISTS AND THE WHITE-SUPREMACIST GOVT OF RHODESIA.

THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT HAK WOULD MEET WITH RHODESIAN PM SMITH IN SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEKEND.

AFTER A FINAL SESSION TODAY WITH HAK, KAUNDA SOUNDED LESS PESSIMISTIC THAN HE WAS THURSDAY....

AS FOR POSSIBLE HAK-SMITH TALKS, THE ZAMBIAN PRES TOLD REPORTERS, "I LEAVE THIS ENTIRELY IN THE HAND OF HAK. SMITH IS A VERY SLIPPERY CHARACTER"

HAK SAID, "PRES FORD SHARES YOUR VIEW THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT. WE AMERICANS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ALL AND YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I AM CONSCIOUS OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES I FACE."

2. UPI (LUSAKA, BY JIM ANDERSON)
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ZAMBIAN PRES KAUNDA TODAY URGED HAK TO PRESS RHODESIA'S "REBEL LEADER" FOR A COMMITMENT TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE, BUT AGAIN WARNED OF ALL-OUT WAR IF THE PEACE MISSION FAILS.

KAUNDA ALSO WARNED HAK AGAINST ANY MEETING WITH ... SMITH THAT "WOULD LEND RESPECTABILITY"

THE WARNINGS CAME AS HAK'S TRIP ENTERED A CRITICAL STAGE
WITH HIS DEPARTURE FOR SOUTH AFRICA

AS KAUNDA SPOKE, HAK MET BRIEFLY WITH ... NKOMO.

US OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY IT WAS "UNLIKELY" HAK WILL MEET
WITH SMITH ... ALTHOUGH IT WAS REPORTED SMITH WOULD
BE IN COUNTRY

(LATER ADD CONTAINED 4 GRAFS OF EXCERPT FROM HAK
DEPARTURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING QUOTE THAT "THERE IS
NO BASIS" FOR MEETING WITH SMITH)

3. REUTERS (NELSON FROM LUSAKA)

ZAMBIAN PRES KAUNDA RAISED NO MAJOR OBJECTIONS TO A MEETING
BETWEEN HAK AND PM SMITH, BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST GIVING
"RESPECTABILITY" TO THE LEADER OF THE BREAKAWAY BRITISH
COLONY.

(QUOTES FROM KAUNDA)

US OFFICIALS INSIST THERE IS NO CURRENT PLAN FOR A SMITH-
HAK MEETING, BUT SAY NO FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE
UNTIL HAK TALKS TO PM VORSTER.

THE PUBLIC US POSITION HAS BEEN THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
CONTACT AT ALL WITH MR SMITH UNTIL HE AGREES TO SURRENDER
POWER TO ... BLACKS WITHIN TWO YEARS.

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KAUNDA APPEARED TO CONFIRM THE GENERAL VIEW THAT HAK'S
VISIT TO PRETORIA WILL BE THE CRUCIAL PART OF HIS
11-DAY MISSION THROUGH SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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KAUNDA SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HAK TO MEET BLACK
RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS. SO FAR HE HAS MET ONLY
NKOMO, A MODERATE LEADER, DURING A VISIT HERE LAST APRIL.

CURRENT US PLANS ARE FOR HAK TO RETURN TO LUSAKA ON MONDAY
MORNING FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS BEFORE FLYING ON TO DAR ES
SALAAM.

ON TUESDAY, HE IS EXPECTED TO FLY TO KINSHASA, ZAIRE, WITH
A POSSIBLE TRIP TO KENYA ON WEDNESDAY.

HAK TOLD REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR PRETORIA HE

WOULD MEET WITH SMITH "ONLY IF SOME CLEAR RESULT WAS
IN PROSPECT.

HE SAID THIS WAS NOT THE CASE TODAY "AND THEREFORE THERE'S
NO BASIS FOR MEETING SMITH." HE INDICATED THAT THIS WEEK-
END'S TALKS IN PRETORIA BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND
RHODESIAN PREMIERS WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON WHETHER HE MET
MR SMITH, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

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ASKED WHAT SPECIFICALLY HE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE IN PRETORIA

HAK SAID: "I HOPE THAT WHEN I RETURN HERE THE PRINCIPLE
OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA WILL BE BEYOND QUESTION."

HAK MET RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER NKOMO FOR 15 MINUTES
BEFORE LEAVING LUSAKA TO HEAR NKOMO'S VIEWS ON THE
RHODESIA ISSUE, US OFFICIALS SAID.

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